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To whom it may concern:

It has been my experience that politicians and bureaucrats frequently need issues illustrated in a political, economic or legal perspective context rather than appealing to a sense of common good or other such idealisms.

Dealing with Microsoft harshly is your chance to show that regulators are not swayed or pressured by well-financed lobbying and shady spin doctoring. This is your chance to punish an arrogant company that uses Enron-like strategies to keep its position.

Right now, the Enron campaign contributions and political efforts reflect poorly on government.

Microsoft is also a very politically active and influential corporation.

In light of the public's perception that Enron bought political favor, it would be a great step to re-instill faith in the institutions charged with overseeing our free market if those in power acted effectively and decisively against Microsoft.

I am in favor of either a breakup of Microsoft and/or the release of some of their key source code to the public at large. The latter remedy will no doubt positively effect the Windows Operating System and result in some true innovations.

Regards,
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